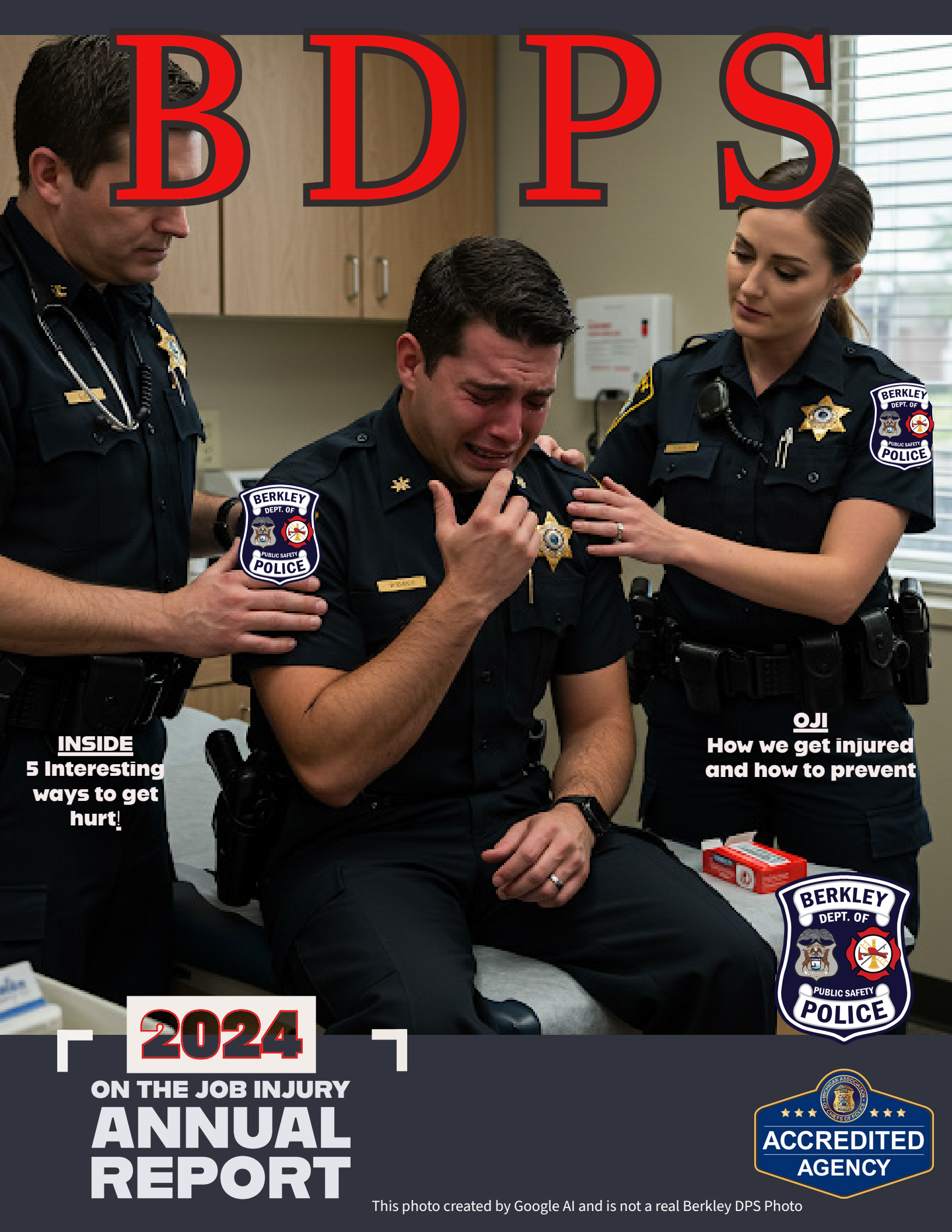


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ON THE JOB INJURY



OJI

Public Safety is not without its problems. Grueling Police, Fire and EMS calls, can do wear and tear on the everyday officer. Even implementing our workout program, can still have accidental injuries.

Of the 5 injuries in 2024, 2 involved arrests of suspects, 1 involved an animal bite, and 2 others from accidental incidents.

Most can be prevented by care, proper use of PPE, and in these cases, required little to no time off.

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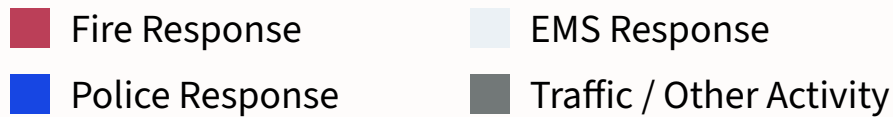
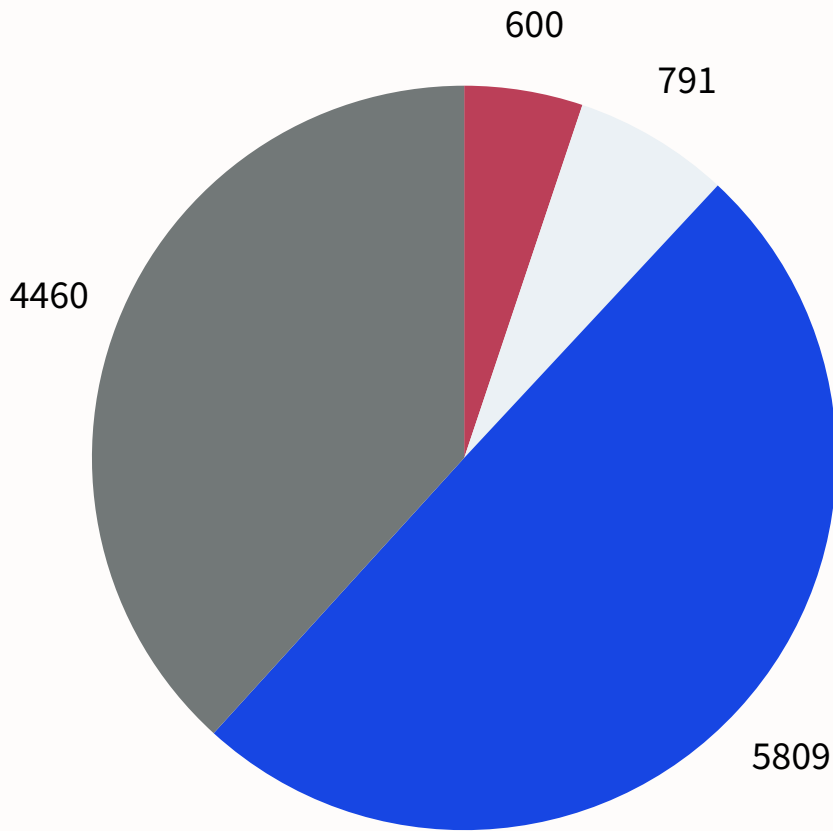
DO what you can, with all you have, wherever you are
- Theodore Roosevelt

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2024 – 5 OJI Reports

2023 – 6 OJI Reports

CALL FOR SERVICE



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE = 11,660

2023 - 13,377

2022 - 12,425

2021 - 12,439

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On the Job Injury
What happened and how to prevent.

K-9 Search



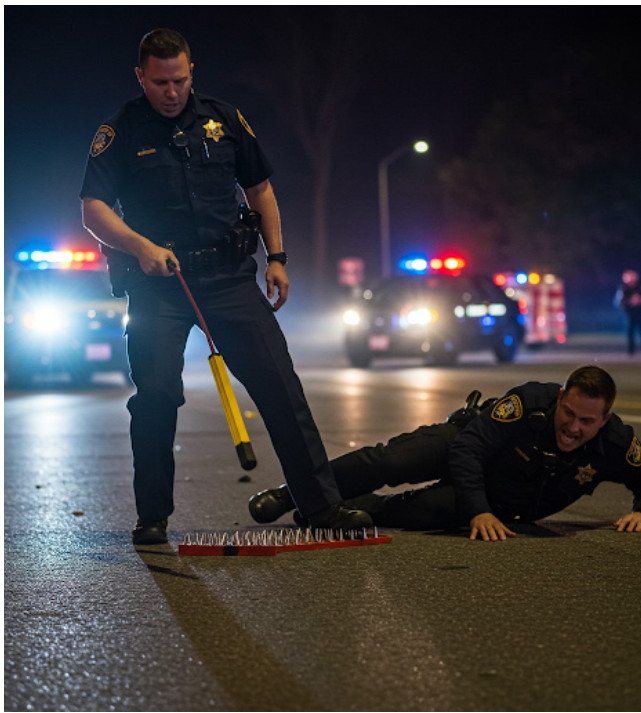
While conducting K-9 Search, Officer was climbing a fence after a suspect and cut wrist on the barbed wire. Minor laceration sustained and treated.

During Arrest

While attempting to place a subject under arrest, he began fighting and resisting. He was taken to the ground and attempted to be handcuffed. During the struggle, an officer received laceration to the top of their hand. Minor injury occurred.



OJI #2

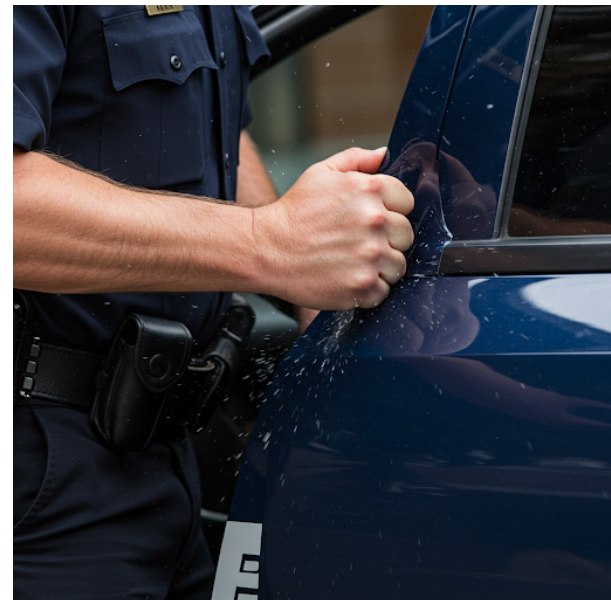


OJI #3

An officer deployed stop sticks on a suspects car. While attempting to place under arrest, the officers stepped backwards directly onto the spike strip which punctured his boot, and foot. Minor injury reported.

OJI #4

Officers were attempting to pursue a suspect from a Flee/Elude out of another city. While exiting the car, the officer slammed their thumb into the door frame while closing the door, causing pain, but no further injury or damage.



OJI #5

An officer was securing a stray sick cat. They covered it with a blanket and while picking it up, the cat turned and bit the officer on the finger. Officer began to seek treatment at local hospital while testing was done on the animal for disease.

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LESSONS

In three of the incidents, officers were climbing a fence, dealing with an animal and arresting a suspect without gloves. One incident involved quickly exiting from a vehicle, and the other was careless use of a spike strip.

From this we have learned that officers should be utilizing gloves that protect their hands while handling incidents. This may have possibly prevented 3 of these injuries. The gloves must be tough to prevent lacerations, but nimble enough to be used with firearms.

In the spike strip incident, Officers have been, and should be retrained in proper placement away from the arrest side of the vehicle, which could have prevented this from occurring. Setting the device up a few feet behind the officers could have had a much worse outcome had they fell on top of it.

In 2023, there were 6 OJI incidents. These were attributed to improper lifting, weather and car crash scenes. Again, slowing down and using proper PPE could have prevented some of these.

As administrators, it is our job to look for areas to prevent injury, which can provide longevity in this career by minimizing simple injuries. Out of the 11,660 calls for service in Police, Fire and EMS, only having 5 injuries is remarkable, and something to be proud of.

Chief Summary



No officer wants to end their career with an injury, or go through the struggles of on the job injuries as minor as they may be. In any workplace, these can and will occur. It is our job to help identify areas of concern, proactively approach the areas with ideas and discussion, and then review to ensure our best practices are working.

Only having 5 incidents this year is a bonus, as no officer was off for extended period due to On the Job Injuries, and I am sure with a little bit of education, we can keep our officers safe and working for you.

Sincerely,

M. Koehn
Director of Public Safety